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TWO LETTERS.

MURDER OF T. H. PICKENS.

Meeting of Citizens.
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Editors Star: On yesterday evening about two o'clock, T. H. Pickens, a deputy sheriff of this county, and resident of this place, in the discharge of his official duty as a delinquent tax collector, near Pickens Station, was assassinated by one Edmund Orange, a freedman, who was concealed in a fence corner by the road side, and was shot with a double-barrel gun, charged with buck-shot and minnie balls, and instantly killed.

DESCRIPTION OF ASSASSIN:

By trade, a house carpenter; aged about 40 or 45 years; about five feet eight inches high; square shoulders; very full breast; head set well back, or up, with two upper front teeth open; irregular voice and slight stammering in speech; copper colored; has a short leg, that causes irregular gait; neck short; has a quick, determined look.

After the internment of the body to-day, a large meeting composed of both sexes assembled in the Grange Hall of this place, when the following proceedings were enacted:

The meeting was called to order, and Dr. John Tackett elected chairman, and Dr. R. S. Toombs, secretary.

After the chairman addressed the assembly, a committee of four, viz: Jno. Morrow, K. Harrington, J. P. Tackett and W. J. Taylor, was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the object of the meeting.

The committee withdrew and soon presented the following:

WHEREAS, We unfortunately live in an age of frightful reign of crime when the sacredness of human life is disregarded, and violence unto death stalks abroad at noon-day; and,

WHEREAS, Our worthy young friend Edmund Orange, in the discharge of his official duty, has fallen a victim to the assassin's hand, under circumstances that alarm law-abiding citizens; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to use all diligence to bring this evil doer to justice.

Resolved, That as money is a necessary lever to move the world, we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves to pay the sums severally annexed to our names to the person or persons that may apprehend and safely deliver to the civil authorities one Edmund Orange—the assassin of said Herbert Pickens.

A short recess was then taken, when the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was promptly raised, the colored citizens warmly participating in contributions. The meeting being again called to order, it was further

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to correspond with His Excellency, Governor Stone, relative to the tragedy, and that a copy of the resolutions be forwarded to him for his inspection. The chair appointed Drs. Sam. Carter and W. J. Taylor. It was then

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to secure further contributions, and to aid and assist in the arrest of the assassin, and to be empowered to J. P. Tackett and J. Morrow, of Richmond; F. Harrington and W. L. Simmons, of Goodman; and S. L. St. John, of Pickens.

On motion of Dr. F. Thomas, the following was

Resolved, That the profound sympathy of this assembly and the entire community be expressed to the bereaved family, and that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to them, and to the Central Star, Lexington Advertiser, Clarion and Yazoo City papers for publication.

R. S. Toombs, Secretary.

An Interesting Will Case.

N. O. Bulletin.
Judge Billings decided yesterday a very interesting will case in the United States Circuit Court, and one which has excited considerable attention among the lawyers, on account of the nicety of the question involved.

In 1867, Mr. Norman Story, an old and well-known resident of this city, made his last will and testament, in the following words:

I, Norman Story, of this city of New Orleans, of sound body and of sound mind, but having the uncertainty of life in view, do write this my last and sole will and testament, hereby expressly revoking all other wills and testaments by me written.

1. I appoint my brother Benjamin S. Story to act as executor of this, my last will (without security).

2. It is my wish that all my just debts may be paid without delay.

3. I will and bequeath to Henry C. Story and Benjamin S. Story all properties I do possess, and to be divided equally between them.

The Chief Knave of the Navy.

St. Louis Republican (D. M.).
The New York Times says:

"We venture to remind Secretary Robeson that he misapprehends the case he is required to meet when he gives only his version of his dealings with the Cattells, and fails to disclose the sudden control of wealth which his various bank accounts appear to reveal. So far as is generally known, he was not a rich man when he accepted office."

When the leading organ of the Republican party drops thus heavily upon the secretary of the navy, it is conclusive evidence that his record, however carefully varnished, is pretty thoroughly rotten. This sudden change from poverty to riches is extremely suspicious.

Mr. John M. Scovel of Camden, N. J., when examined by the House committee in regard to Robeson's financial condition previous to his appointment, said: "I think it was near nothing as possible. I know that he was a very poor man, and so reported in Camden." The appointment bears date June 25, 1869, and the Times calls attention to the fact that from July to December of the same year, \$17,887 were placed to the secretary's credit in a Camden bank, and that this money was in checks and notes of A. G. Cattell & Co., and checks of the Corn Exchange Bank, Philadelphia, where the Cattells kept their private accounts. From April, 1872, to September 16, 1873, the secretary's deposits with Jay Cooke & Co., Washington, amounted to over \$58,000. During the fall of 1873 and the whole of the year following, he deposited with Drexel, Morgan & Co., and their books show a sum total in his favor of \$40,000 and upwards. Geo. F. Cutler, a pay director in the navy, testifies that on one occasion he carried \$5,000 in bank notes from Washington to Robeson's name, and that another time was the bearer of \$3,500 in the same kind of currency to the same destination. Here there is an aggregate of nearly \$115,000 in six years, without including some \$22,000 in notes indorsed by the Cattells and discounted for the secretary's benefit. The salary attached to the head of the navy department is \$8,000 per annum.

Now, if Robeson can explain how he swelled \$48,000 in legitimate pay to \$137,000 in bank deposits, he will be entitled to a clean bill of health. Otherwise, no. Making all due allowances for the transfer of funds from one bank to another, it is impossible to understand, on any honorable hypothesis, how so much money could possibly pass into the hands of a man whose annual salary is only \$8,000, and who is not engaged in any outside business. The \$10,500 in bank bills taken from Washington to New York by Cutler, has a bad look, and there are other circumstances which show that the congressional investigation has struck the right trail. We hope it will be vigorously followed up, and that while Secretary Robeson is treated fairly by the committee, he will not be permitted to dodge the responsibility of his official actions. He is an uncommonly shrewd operator, which Belknap was not, but no quantity or quality of shrewdness can cover up all the tracks made since 1869. Patience and perseverance cannot fail to reveal, sooner or later, the secret of this sudden rise from chronic impecuniosity to abundant wealth. There has been so much of that sort of thing in Grant's administration that the people are justified in demanding the closest and most impartial scrutiny in the present instance.

Russia and China.

Russia is about to play protector to China. This is a dangerous movement for the independence of the latter country. Beyond and to the east of Turkistan lies the basin of the Ili River, a region one-third as large as the State of California, and valuable as a grazing country. For several years the Tartars have been in open rebellion in this section, and the Chinese have failed in all their efforts to reduce them to obedience to their laws. Russia now proposes to put an end to Tartar rule in that part of Asia, and it over to China, and at the same time furnish the troops of the latter country in Chinese Tartary with arms and ammunition. Some money compensation is hinted at for this service, but behind the whole movement is a desire to wipe the Tartars, who are better soldiers than the Chinese, from the path of the Russian columns, the heads of which are pointed in the direction of Northern China. In a few years the basins of the Caspian and Aral Seas will be put in easy communication by railroad with Central Europe, and if, in the meantime, Russia can drain a large portion of China into the same receptacle of trade, the game will be heavily in favor of the Czar and his Empire.—Philadelphia Times.

Hon. J. F. H. Claiborne and the Centennial.

By St. Louis Herald.
The Centennial Commissioners have determined to restore this famous and historical building, where independence was declared and the Constitution of the United States was framed, to its original condition, exactly as it stood at that time. In connection with this, they have assigned to certain literary gentlemen, in the various States, the duty of preparing a biographical sketch of each of the framers of the Constitution. One of the most distinguished of these has been assigned to our friend and fellow-citizen, Hon. J. F. H. Claiborne, and we believe his article is now ready for transmission to the Committee in Philadelphia.

Theosophism is the religious contribution to the Centennial year.

THE REFORM LEGISLATURE.

Its Faithful Redemption of the People.

McComb City Intelligencer.
It is creditable to the Legislature which was elected in the great political revolution in our State last year that it faithfully redeemed its pledges to curtail expenditures and that it eschewed every form of ultraism. Its course was marked by singular moderation upon every subject which it touched. In view of the hard times, there was absolute necessity for curtailing expenditures, but in no instance was the efficiency of this public service impaired. The Public School system will cost less hereafter, by cutting off supernumeraries, and reducing salaries, but the scholastic terms will be lengthened for the benefit of pupils.

The Penitentiary, which is being constantly recruited by muscular, able-bodied convicts, trained to labor, and ought to have supported itself, has been a heavy tax on the State Treasury. It will hereafter be self-supporting.

The average annual cost of the Judiciary department for the six years prior to 1876 has been about \$300,000. The appropriation for that department by the Legislature on an estimate of its probable expenses the present year, is only \$70,000. The number of judges has been cut down nearly one-half. And here are some of the reductions in salaries: Supreme Judges, from \$1,500 to \$3,500 per annum; Circuit Judges, from \$3,500 to \$2,500.

There is no department to which the pruning knife of retrenchment has not been vigorously applied in the same manner. For example, for the six years previous to the present, the average cost of public printing was about \$75,000. The amount appropriated to that branch of the service by the Legislature for the present year, notwithstanding the long session, is only \$24,000.

As a consequence of these practical reform measures, State warrants are worth 98 cents on the dollar, whereas, at the same period last year, they were selling at 75 cents on the dollar. A curtailment of expenditures was logically followed by a reduction of the State tax from nine and a half mills on the dollar to six and a half mills; and there will doubtless be a corresponding reduction in county and municipal taxes.

On the whole, the people have ample cause to be gratified with the present aspect of affairs in our State, with reasonable skill and prudence in the management of their private concerns and the practice of industry and economy, they may confidently hope for the dawning of a brighter and better day in the near future.

Hon. Jacob Thompson Confronts His Accusers.

Special to New York Herald.
The recent publication of a remark by Secretary Chandler that he thought Mr. Jacob Thompson, formerly Secretary of the Interior, was responsible and might be impeached for the loss of the Indian bonds while he was Secretary of the Interior under Mr. Buchanan, has brought Mr. Thompson to Washington. He arrived here yesterday and this morning sent a letter to Mr. Chandler asking whether the newspaper paragraph represented him correctly as saying that he believed Thompson guilty of appropriating the bonds. Mr. Chandler said he would reply to the letter, but he was understood to hold that if bonds were abstracted from the Interior Department while he is Secretary he would consider himself responsible for them. Mr. Thompson announces publicly his readiness to have the loss of the bonds and his whole conduct of the Interior Department investigated by a committee, the majority or the whole of whom should be Republicans, and that if they hold that he ought to be impeached, he pledges himself in advance not to plead that the Senate has no jurisdiction.

Sad Accident.

Oklahoma States.
On Tuesday evening the sad intelligence of the death, by drowning, of Dr. Emmett Williams of this place, was a severe shock to the community. Dr. Williams, Judge Pollard and others went to Chambers lake on Monday to fish; on their return they stopped at Tallebeela lake and scattered out along the stream. Dr. Williams after an hour or two was found dead in the water. No human eye witnessed the struggle with the silent messenger of death. His afflicted family have our deepest sympathy.

Russian Cotton Manufacture.

The most celebrated cotton manufacture in Russia, it is stated, of more than half a century's existence, having been established in 1820, when it consisted simply of a wooden building, in which eight hundred spindles, spinning low numbers, gave employment to about sixty persons.

Since then, the establishment has been enlarged, so as to consist, at the present time, of a six-story building for cotton and woolen spinings; five four-story buildings occupied for spinning, weaving and machine shop; a two-story building for store and warehouse; another two-story building for weaving, bleaching and finishing; a one-story house for boilers and dyeing; also, a smithy, a school and orphan house, an infant school, a hospital, dining-room, gas-works and about thirty houses for overseers and operatives.

There are now forty thousand spindles and nearly a thousand looms to manufacture cotton, and eight hundred spindles and thirty looms for wool, requiring more than two thousand workers of both sexes, from twelve to seventeen years of age.—St. Louis Republican.

REST.

BY ELLEN P. ALBERTSON.

Too little rest, too little sleep,
Too many hours of wearying—
At last, disease and pain!
Weak grows the never loosened band;
The strongest rope parts, strand by strand,
Beneath a ceaseless strain.

Let him who burns his midnight oil
In the lonely and unwholesome toil,
Think, when he trims his lamp,
That thus he trims his life as well,
And hastens towards his last low coil—
Its darkness and its damp.

He who would travel far and long,
And keep a stately stride and strong,
Must rest beside the way.
A ceaseless pace at first may win,
But he who lingers at wayside inn,
At last shall win the day.

To weary feet all streams are deep,
All roads are rough, all hills are steep,
As way-worn travelers know.
One hour of rest is priceless boon,
To him who toils through heat of noon,
With painful steps and slow.

Then, ye who hope to make your mark
Ere your last night-light cold and dark,
And stand above the throng,
On some successful height of thought,
Do some deed no hand hath wrought—
Work, rest, and so be strong.

The Texas Pacific.

Vicksburg Herald.
We notice that Col. Thos. A. Scott and a number of his friends have subscribed \$1,500,000, which they hope to increase to \$2,000,000 at once, for the purpose of building an extension of the Texas Pacific road 120 miles westward to Fort Worth. The extension is to be finished by August. This action is rendered necessary in order to prevent the absorption of the land grant by the rival California Pacific. The road is to be laid with steel rails and built in the most thorough manner.

A Murderer Captured.

Vicksburg Tribune.
In 1869, a valuable horse was one night stolen from a planter in Hinds county. A description of the animal was sent to the various surrounding towns and river crossings—among them, one to Mr. Ralison, the keeper of a ferry on Big Black long Island, near Vicksburg. A few days only elapsed when one morning a negro rode up to the ferry and asked to be put on the Warren county side. "What is your name?" asked Ralison, "Gregory," replied the negro. "That is a fine horse, whose is he?" remarked Ralison. "He is mine," said the negro. "A valuable horse has lately been stolen near here, and yours so exactly fills the description that I must ask you to do with me to Edwards," said Ralison. "Oh, well, I'll do that," replied Gregory. So Ralison saddled his own horse, and with Gregory started for Edwards Depot. When a few miles on the way, Ralison carelessly got in front. 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